

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 and 28-36 have been canceled and minor amendments have been made to claims 19, 25, and 27 as the examiner requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 19-27 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as based on a disclosure which is not enabling. The Examiner advised that amendments to claims 19, 25, and 27, which recited that the lid is nonporous would overcome this rejection.

The Examiner rejected claims 19-27 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The Applicant was advised by the Examiner to amend claims 19, 25, and 27, to recite that the lid in "non-porous", and that such a limitation would overcome this rejection. Additionally, the term "the lid" (claim 25, line 5) lacks antecedent basis and the term "a lid" (claim 25, line 12) is somewhat indefinite. The Examiner advised the Applicant to change "the lid" to "a lid" and to change "a lid" to "the lid" to cure these defects.

Finally, the Examiner has also advised that non-elected claims 1-18 and 28-36 should be canceled.

AMENDED CLAIMS

Claims 19, 25, and 27 have been amended as the Examiner advised. The limitation "non-porous" has been added to these claims to overcome the section 112 rejections. A basis for these amendments can be found on page 2 line 30 of the original patent application.

Claim 25 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. The term "the lid" has been amended to "a lid" to provide antecedent basis for the term and "a lid" has been changed to "the lid" to cure any indefiniteness in the claims

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CANCELED CLAIMS

Claims 1-18 and 28-36 have been canceled as requested by the Examiner.
These claims were drawn on a non-elected invention.

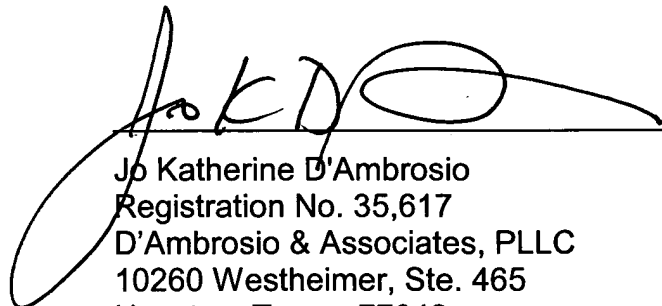
REQUESTS

The Examiner has rejected claims 19-27 under 35 USC 112. In view of the amendments to the claims, the Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 19-27 of the application.

Applicant respectfully requests a telephone interview with Examiner to resolve any questions related to this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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